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### **First responders rescue injured hiker on Friday**

WAILUA – First responders rescued a 67-year-old male visitor from California on the Wailua Falls Trail on Friday.

Kaua'i Fire Department personnel with the Lihu'e and Kapa'a fire station, Rescue 3, the on-duty battalion chief, Kaua'i Police Department, and American Medical Response responded to the incident.

According to a preliminary report, first responders received a call from Kaua'i Police Department Dispatch at approximately 10:20 a.m. of a 67-year-old male visitor who attempted to hike down Wailua Falls from the parking lot.

Shortly after beginning the hike with his family, the male visitor slipped and fell approximately 25 feet off the trail.

At 10:35 a.m., firefighters arrived on scene and made contact with the hiker's family and the hiker who appeared to suffer multiple head injuries.

Because of the rescue and terrain complexity, first responders utilized a multipurpose device hauling system to extract and secure the hiker at noon.

Kaua'i Police closed off a portion of Ma'alo Road, near the entrance to Wailua Falls, for approximately two hours while firefighters rescued the visitor.

The hiker was treated by personnel with the American Medical Response and later transported to a Wilcox Hospital.

The scene was cleared at 1:20 p.m.

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